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WASHINGTON, MAY 5, 1886.

Mr. Davis dwells not wholly in the past.

In his speech at Savannah yesterday he spoke as patriotically as a Grand Army man.

The restoration of the Union will never be completely consummated until North and South are connected by a free transit across the Potomac.

Let the muddy channel be bridged at once.

Mr. Davis' average receipts during the twenty weeks of his past season have been \$700 a night, and next year he is to be paid \$120,000 for 300 nights.

No wonder he has an occasional vertigo. Fortune like this is enough to make most any man's head whirl.

Mr. Gladstone was not present when Queen Victoria opened the Colonial Exhibition in the presence of the elite of England, but upon his arrival in London yesterday he met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The crowds of people who surged around his carriage and yelled themselves hoarse were not of the elite, but of the class in which Mr. Gladstone is just now most interested.

Editor Dana of the New York Sun is opposed to President Cleveland's civil-service reform and ransacks the dictionary for words to express his editorial distaste, while Mr. C. A. Dana on the Pan-Electric witness stand takes the high ground that no man can be too honest and upright.

He is not too honest and upright and pure to hold office under the American Government. Are there two Danas, or have we another "strange case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?"

The concluding stanza of Lord Tennyson's national ode, which was sung yesterday at the opening of the Colonial Exhibition in London, was a direct protest against home rule for Ireland.

But it will not hurt the cause a great deal; and, besides, it is not much of a poem, anyway. Since he was made a baron England's poet laureate has put on a new suit of opinions. He no longer seems to think that "killed heroes are better than coronets and simple faith than Norman blood."

A PARAGRAPH is going the rounds of the press, stating that "a memorial window to William Shakespeare is being prepared and will shortly be placed in the Church of St. James, Curran Road, Shoreditch, which is situated opposite the spot where the Curran Theatre used to stand. The Lord Mayor of London has consented to unveil the window on Friday, May 14."

This will be a singular anomaly to those who regard church and stage as directly and uncompromisingly antagonistic.

In view of the lawless elements that infest Chicago, mostly Poles with unpronounceable names and Bohemians with vagabond habits by nature, and all with utter want of knowledge as to the character of American institutions and the responsibility of citizens to the State, we would suggest an amendment to the Chinese Immigration act, excluding Anarchists of every nationality. They are an abiding peril to the peace of the country and the worst imaginable foes to the true interests of the workmen.

If John Chinaman must go let Agassiz Spies and similar scoundrels go with him.

The proposition of Mr. Bean, the delegate in Congress from Arizona, that the Government offer a reward of \$25,000 for the capture of Geronimo, is worthy of serious consideration. The contract seems to be a somewhat heavier one than the army is able to carry out; why not hold out inducements to private enterprise to undertake the job?

The Government certainly has a duty to perform in the premises. The people of Arizona and New Mexico, being under the immediate guardianship of the Government, have certainly the right to demand protection from this bloodthirsty savage; and it cannot be expected that the settlers should be burdened with all the expense as well as the danger of hunting him down. Many of them are poor; many others are so situated that they cannot leave their homes defencesless. But enough brave fellows can be found to join in the chase and capture, with the prospect of some just and reasonable compensation to stimulate them. And once in their hands we can rest assured that the wily Apache chief would never be released on parole again.

The pedestal of the Bartholdi statue of Liberty being in an unfinished condition and the men of New York being unable to beg or contribute the amount necessary to its completion, the women have undertaken the work and propose to put it through with a whirl.

They are going to give a monster lyric and dramatic entertainment on the 6th of May, and settle the business at once. It will be a very swell affair, indeed, and the statue will climb up to its pedestal with the same feeling of pride that a Madison avenue belle shies up the side of a De Lancy Kane tally-ho on its first spring trip. It is appropriate, too, that it is the women who make the pedestal of Liberty a success. They take a mournful pleasure in announcing themselves as a down-trodden sex, and the only relation they dare claim with Liberty is a sort of foot-stool kinship. They have no Liberty men are bound to respect, and if they can supply something for Liberty to stand upon to grind her iron heel into, as it were, they will be supremely happy. If there is anything in the

world that is great and noble and beautiful, it is the self-sacrificing spirit of woman. She may have an unutterable yearning for Liberty, but when she sees she cannot secure it, she gives Liberty to man and turns her loving heart and gentle hands to the task of building a pedestal for Liberty to roost upon. Oh, woman, thou art Boss!

NOTES AND GOSPEL.

WALT TELL Miss Cleveland's next book comes out if you want to know all about social life in Washington.

Miss HENRY GAVELIN is not altogether satisfied with her visit to this country. She has made some friends by it, but lost money, she says.

Miss ANNA DICKINSON has been passing the winter with her mother and sister at Littleton, Pa. Her mother is in rapidly falling health.

The TALMAGE is arranging for a three-days' trip to the Thousand Islands this summer, and will be accompanied by many members of his congregation.

HARRY GARFIELD is a pupil at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., where his mother and sister have been visiting him, and not at Concord, Mass., as mistakenly stated.

Mr. M. P. HANCOCK, president of the Clover Club of Philadelphia, has been invited to deliver the farewell dinner to the comedian Dixey, which will be given at Delmonico's.

Says the New York Graphic: "If the strikers of this country don't know enough to strike on a day when they are in the midst, they are a very stupid as well as a very unresponsible lot of men."

GENERAL AND CRITICAL.

The galleries of the Senate were filled with ladies fair, it seemed that all the angels of Heaven were gathered there.

The youngest and the fairest of them had met in sweet assembly, 'Twas that fatal day.

Their hearts were light and happy. They did not know their doom. When all at once the darkness gloom. He sat there in his glory.

His head so long and clean, His hair a shining sheen.

Then first caressing Ransom, He turned his eyes on them, And crushed each winsome woman From furrow to furrow.

The floor was strewn with ladies, All crushed and mangled and dead— "It seems the Lady Killer Has been around," they said.

And when the galley keepest Went in to sweep the place, They saw a sight of terror That blanched the darkest face.

The floor was strewn with ladies, All crushed and mangled and dead— "It seems the Lady Killer Has been around," they said.

And where, oh, where was Ransom? Ask of the tempest wild— Who showed his cuffs and smit. He showed his cuffs and smit.

Mr. Dana expresses a contempt for poets, yet the great editor in speaking of Mr. E. S. Hill of the Electric connection, refers to him in glowing language as that "anti-monopoly virtuous man."

Congressman Stone of Massachusetts looks enough like G. O. M. Gladstone to warrant his making a glad prefix to his name.

The Pan-Electric investigating committee should learn enough of domestic etiquette to prevent their indulging in family quarrels before company.

Baseball is undeniably immoral. Clubs have begun to offer \$100 to each player stealing the greatest number of bases.

General Weaver may look upon the ratification of the election to Congress as a greenback victory. The General is too handsome and affable to deny him a little pleasure like this.

The Pan-Electric yesterday had down at the hotel, but they were a lonesome look. Without his office cat, Oh! the tale without the cat! Oh! Pan-Electric people eat!

Congressman Beach on oath before the Pan-Electric Committee designated poetry as "literature." We object.

Mr. Dana makes a better witness than Mr. Whitelaw Reid. Mr. D. lacks that beautiful and winsome modesty, which, like the conscious rose, blushes with unadvised innocence upon the tender cheek of Whitelaw.

THE NEW YORK PRESS.

The Tribune this morning congratulates the friends of American ships upon a substantial victory in the Senate in the \$800,000 subsidy amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation bill.

The proposition is "it is step towards the relief of our steamship lines, which the House will have sufficient wisdom to adopt it."

The World says: "The Anarchist has no more place in this system of ours than a wolf in a sheep-fold. Workmen should beware of the red flag—the symbol of blood and disorder—and have no relation with those who make labor troubles a pretext for riot, defiance and revolution."

The Times says that the passage of the subsidy amendment is "a demonstration of the skill and strength of the lobby that was directed to the Senate. The measure is 'a naked piece of favoritism.'"

The Sun urges, "Mr. Morrison and every other member of the Committee on Rules, and all patriotic Congressmen, whatever their politics, to throw their votes directly against many of the pension jobs that now threaten to swamp the revenue."

The Herald says that it is the tariff which "makes living high and keeps the demand for country produce uncertain. The workmen will be happier and will have steadier employment and more satisfactory earnings when the tariff tax shall be reduced."

The Herald says the passage of the River and Harbor bill will give President Cleveland the opportunity for a commendable veto. It also will demonstrate the disadvantage of compelling the President to veto the whole bill or none of it."

FORTUNE-TELLING.

A dream of gold from the sunset, A vision of love from the dawn, A gleam of distant waters, A rift of fragrant meadows high.

Critic's lettering how hard, A story of duty and love, A star in a distant world, A humming harvest field.

Near by in the meadow pasture, In the twilight of the evening, A sweet face looking at a star, With the sunlight on her hair.

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WASHINGTON IN MAY, 1886.

Washington, the District of Columbia, is the Nation's Capital, is the pride of the country.

It is the most cosmopolitan city in the country.

It has over 300,000 population and is rapidly moving on.

It has the best paved broad avenues and streets, and the most dilapidated sidewalks of any large city in the land.

It has more magnificent natural scenery and surroundings than any capital city on the globe.

It contains the largest and finest public buildings in the world.

It is the most attractive city for residents, sojourners and visitors on the continent.

It has the most intelligent population in the aggregate of any city in the United States.

It is rapidly becoming the national center of science, art and literature, as it already is the political and social center of the United States.

It is one of the healthiest localities in the country, and when the Potomac flat improvements are completed and the river put in proper order, will be the model sanitary city of the land.

It has broader avenues, larger public grounds and reservations, and more parks, circles, triangles, open spaces and miles of shady tree-lined streets in proportion to its area than any other city in the world.

The National Monument to George Washington, recently completed, is the loftiest structure ever erected by human hands.

The parks and places are ornamented with statues erected by the people of other cities.

As the seat of the Government of the United States its prosperity and future greatness are assured by the growth and development of the nation.

The departments, institutions, asylums, bureaus, museums, commissions, offices and boards of the Government now established here are being constantly increased by the rapid growth of the nation.

The government is entirely national in its character, being under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the Congress of the United States as trustee for the people of the entire nation.

It is the only neutral district in the Union, and belongs alike to the people of the whole country regardless of section, politics, religion or any of the peculiarities or issues that to a more or less extent shape the sentiment of all other localities in the country.

Citizens from all sections can assemble here without exciting jealousies, as this District is the common heritage of the sixty million inhabitants of the Republic.

Its resident population is among the foremost in the land in all the advanced characteristics of an enlightened Christian community.

As the capital of a vast nation, cosmopolitan life exists here, as in the capitals of the Old World.

It contains all times, in the vast population that gravitates here, the profound statesmen and philosophers, more talent, geniuses, blacksmiths, bummers, strikers, reformers, demagogues, bunglers, "hicks," "males," and "females," than any place of its size within the Nation's domain.

There are more churches, schools, fashionable homes, intellectual entertainments, saloons, card-rooms, "free-and-eases" and such, than any other orderly community of the same population.

There is more individuality of opinion and less restraint on the freedom of personal action than in any other city.

In its vast resources of hotels, restaurants, boarding-houses and lodgings-room it can entertain, absorb, and comfortably provide for a larger gathering of people than any other city three times its size in America.

Its broad, smooth thoroughfares present the most attractive lines of march for military or civic processions of any city on the continent.

It presents the best inducements for investment in property, as its prosperity, growth and grandeur are assured by the entire nation.

It is rapidly becoming a residence of people of wealth, refinement and culture from all parts of our country.

It is the headquarters of the Army and Navy, and the domicile of a great many of the officers and their families.

In the winter season it is the great society center of the country.

It has the most agreeable winter climate of any city in the land.

It has the fastest telegraph, largest caissons, ducks, most succulent oysters, choicest fish and game, and the best of everything that the world can furnish.

It has the most profound jurists, the lightest law and fewer slanders than any other legal forum.

It has the largest underground main sewer in the world—twenty-two feet in diameter.

It contains more office-seekers to the square foot than there are periods in one of Senator Everett's long speeches.

It has the best draw-players in existence.

It can furnish more aesthetic talent on the shortest notice for a free lunch than any other city in the country.

It has the best future prospects of any city in America.

Its growth and prosperity are assured by the progress and development of the entire nation.

Every new quarter-section of land settled upon—

Every new mine discovered and operated—

Every new manufactory established—

Every immigrant who lands on our shores—

Every ship that enters our ports—

Every new business enterprise started—

Every extension of railroad traffic—

Every new postoffice or other Government station—

Every increase of population—

Every invention and development of new resources—

In short, everything that pertains to the greatness and advancement of the Nation increases the Government business to be transacted at Washington; and while other cities have special local advantages of trade, commerce and general business, the whole country is tributary to the progress and prosperity of its National Capital.

It has the largest number of bicycle amateurs in the country, including the only female member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, on a bicycle.

It can turn out, on special occasions, more cosmopolitan amateur talent for operatic, musical and dramatic representations than any other city in the land.

It has the finest market buildings and accommodations in the world.

It furnished more recruits to all the Government in putting down the rebellion, in proportion to its population, than any State in the Union, with the single exception of Kansas.

It supplied the Confederacy with more volunteers, in proportion to its population, than any other State in the Union.

It contains more distinguished statesmen who have "the ear of the President"—under all administrations—than there are tadpoles in an Indiana fever-and-ague swamp.

It is the domicile of the professional lobbyist and the experimental ground for the fresh Congressional reform investigator.

It is the official residence of the diplomatic representatives and